

SOME AFFAIRS OF STATE

Legislators Very Busy Yesterday

IN FRAMING MANY NEW LAWS

Several Amendments to California's Constitution are introduced.

SACRAMENTO, January 10.—There was less haste manifested by the legislature in carrying out its work today than was displayed yesterday, but considerable business was disposed of before adjournment.

Committees began organizing today and hereafter much of the legislature's work will be carried out in committee rooms.

In the senate there already has been introduced five bills proposing amendments to the state constitution. One provides for a majority verdict in jury cases.

An amendment proposed by Matthews provides for the taxation of all property in the state not exempt by federal laws.

Another amendment provides that no new county shall be formed so as to reduce any county to a population of less than 5000 or an area of less than 400 square miles, nor any new county contain less than 5000.

Any county formed shall assume its proportion of the existing county debt.

An amendment proposed by Ragsdale embodies educational qualifications, which was voted favorably upon at the last election.

Matthews proposed an amendment that the state board of equalization shall consist of one member from each congressional district in the state.

The Senate.
SACRAMENTO, January 10.—The following confirmations of nominations made by the governor were announced:

J. M. Elliott and A. G. Gibson of Los Angeles, trustees of the Reform school.

W. V. Longue of Sonoma and W. S. Wood of San Francisco, trustees for the House for Public Mental Children.

W. C. Murdoch of San Francisco and Hugh McNeil of Los Angeles, sub-committee.

Archibald McDonald of Santa Clara, director of the Stockton insane asylum.

E. S. Fiske of San Francisco, University regent.

M. W. Muller of Fresno, brigadier general.

Daniel Hayes of San Francisco, prison director.

A petition from Alameda county for the appointment of two additional judges of the superior court was referred.

Among the bills introduced was one by Barry, for the reassessment of railroad taxes invalidated for any reason prior to 1882.

By Hart.—To pension public school teachers after twenty-five years of service.

By Matthews.—An amendment to the constitution electing the state board of equalization by congressional districts after 1893.

By Williams.—A state anti-option law.

By McKenney.—Prohibiting chattel mortgages on live stock and dairies.

Ostrom introduced bills fixing the price of grain bags, and \$150,000 appropriation for a state factory at Folsom.

By Williams.—Appropriating \$150,000 for a cordage factory at Folsom.

By Langford.—A joint resolution abolishing the duty on grain bags.

Adjourning at 2:15 p. m.

The Assembly.
SACRAMENTO, January 10.—A large number of measures were presented and referred, including a petition bill for the establishment of the county of Madera, by Mordecai, and a constitutional amendment for an educational qualification for Bledsoe.

Among the bills introduced were the following:

By Bledsoe, to prohibit prize fighting.

After recess the introduction of bills was resumed, the most important being one by McManis of Solano, providing for a state bank, another by Duest to remove vice-regency.

Bledsoe's motion that the committee on morals be empowered to make an investigation of the saloon in the basement of the capitol was carried.

The speaker announced that a meeting would be held to fix the time for committee meetings.

Price of Butte today had a concurrent resolution favoring the Camanche mining and river bill sent to the governor without enrolling and to Washington was ordered paid out of the contingent fund of the assembly.

Bledsoe introduced a bill limiting the rate of interest to 10 per cent, except when by special agreement rates up to 12 per cent may be made.

Bledsoe also introduced a joint resolution concerning the debt which the Pacific railroad owes the government. He and Shanahan asked that immediate consideration be given it, but the speaker postponed Matthews referred it to the committee on federal relations.

On motion of Matthews of Tehama the assembly adjourned at 2:20 p. m.

Senatorial Preliminaries.
SACRAMENTO, January 10.—A joint caucus was held tonight with closed doors. It was practically decided that nothing should be done as a unit in the matter of casting a complimentary vote for United States senator to succeed Fremont unless the Populists should come over to the Republican side, then a caucus would be held to consider what would be done in the matter of appointing a state librarian to succeed Perkins if the latter is removed.

Another motion was introduced that a conference on the matter be held with the Populists.

Nothing definite was arrived at and the caucus adjourned with the prospect of another meeting on the subject.

The People's Party caucus tonight is reported as having renewed their allegiance to Oator as the candidate of the party for United States senator.

Another Millionaire Gains.
SAN FRANCISCO, January 10.—Edgar Mills, brother of D. O. Mills, died here today, aged 55 years.

TO REGULATE RATES

A Consummation Devoutly to be Wished.

TWO CENTS A MILE TO TRAVEL

Text of the Bill Introduced in the Legislature Yesterday—Other Bills.

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SACRAMENTO, January 11.—A number of bills were introduced, among them one by Hart to create the counties of Putnam and Buena Vista, out of portions of Tulare county, with county seats at Porterville and Tulare.

By Giesford, a bill making it the duty of the legislature to prescribe the railroad freight and fares, passenger rates not to exceed 2 cents per mile.

Godolow's constitutional amendment abolishing the railroad commission and fixing charges for transportation, provided that passengers no more than 2 cents per mile shall be charged; for freight and merchandise the charges are specified in what is called the California tariff, as adopted and issued by the western classification commission, which took effect January 1, 1893, and containing 2280 items of charges for distances from 5 miles to 1000.

The assembly joint resolution introduced by Matthews of San Benito and referred to the committee on federal relations, relative to the proposed federal road, 1890, declared that certain railroad lands in Monterey, Fresno and San Benito counties were forfeited, which had been sold by the railroad to settlers as \$250 per acre. The California congressional delegation is urged to secure the passage of an act relating to the settlers all money paid by them for the lands in excess of the government price of \$1.25 per acre.

Adjourning.

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Schlesinger of San Francisco presented a resolution, which was read, providing for the appointment of a special committee of five by the assembly to investigate the acts of the railroad commissioners, as to whether they have performed their duties and have adopted proper schedules, rates and fares, as contemplated by law; the committee to have power to send and receive reports, and to present articles of impeachment against any commissioner delinquent in his duties. Referred to the committee on corporations.

Matthews introduced a joint resolution to refer money to certain settlers on government lands in Fresno, Monterey and San Benito counties.

A resolution by Dodge of Alameda for the appointment of a committee of six to investigate the Home for Adult Blind was adopted.

Godolow introduced the same bill presented by Giesford in the senate, abolishing the board of railroad commissioners and empowering the legislature to fix the rates of freight and fares, as contemplated by law.

Drees introduced a bill which was sent to the ways and means committee, abolishing the state drainage construction fund and transferring any money in the fund to the general fund.

Boyer of San Francisco introduced his Sunday rest bill, providing that all laborers shall have one day's rest in seven. Bledsoe introduced a joint resolution relative to a public building at Eureka. Adjourning.

Yesterday's Proceedings.
SACRAMENTO, January 12.—The number of bills introduced in the legislature today was about the same as yesterday, but a majority of them were of less importance. Members are hampered in their committee work by a lack of the printed bills, and it is not expected that much can be done by the committee until the middle of next week.

The committee on public morals—Bledsoe, chairman, and the judiciary committee—Shanahan, chairman, have been the most active of the assembly committees up to this time.

The senate committees have not yet fairly got to work.

Astrom, Flint and Carpenter have been asking for more time for the purpose of holding day sessions, and the rules of the senate were amended today to allow of an hour's more work in the forenoon before the senate convenes.

Goucher introduced a bill to create the county of Madera.

In the assembly today much time was taken up in discussing the matter of appointing additional clerks and employees of the assembly or committees.

Shanahan continued the proceedings by his reference to the speaker's rulings, but when the speaker called upon the sergeant-at-arms to quiet the Shashe member the latter remembered his duty to order and took his seat, although still protesting against the decision of the chair.

Millions for Pensioners.
WASHINGTON, January 11.—Commissioner Root of the pension bureau appeared today before the sub-committee of the house committee on appropriations, which is preparing the pension appropriation bill. The original estimate for 1894 made by the commissioner was \$150,000,000. A subsequent estimate a few days ago placed the amount required at \$175,000,000. He was asked as the reason of the increase, and explained his former figures by saying that he had presumed the new administration would not do as much work as his had done, and admitted that it did allow as many pensioners \$12,000,000 would be needed.

After a Successor.
SACRAMENTO, January 11.—The joint Democratic caucus was held tonight to nominate a board of five trustees for the state library to take their seats March 1, 1894. A ticket had been prepared naming the names of R. P. Hammond of San Francisco, E. D. Lake of Yolo, Dr. M. Gaudin of Sacramento, F. L. Baldwin of San Joaquin, W. S. Green of Colusa, but this met with some opposition and Charles Linsley of San Francisco was nominated in place of Hammond. It is expected a joint ballot on trustees will be taken Friday, when the trustees will elect a librarian to succeed Perkins.

Hawley and Hancock.
HARTFORD, January 11.—A caucus of Republican members of the general assembly renominated Senator Hawley.

Albany—A Republican joint caucus nominated Senator Hancock for senator.

Will Not Fight.
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NEARING THE END.

Mr. Blaine Has Another Set-Back.

THE DOCTORS MUCH ALARMED

An Impression That the Ex-Secretary Can Exist But a Few Hours.

WASHINGTON, January 12.—Blaine is weaker tonight than since the relapse of two nights ago. His physicians, Drs. Johnston and Hyatt, called at 9:30 o'clock and remained in the sick room for forty minutes, during which time they made a thorough examination of the patient and gave him some additional medicine. The guarded utterance of the doctors are especially significant, more from what they failed to say than from what they actually said. Dr. Hyatt is still at the house and looks as if one or both of the doctors would remain all night.

At 4 o'clock there was no apparent change in the condition of affairs at the Blaine mansion.

BITTER COLD.
The East and North in a Frigid Grip.

New York, January 11.—Frosting has been fiercer over to East river for the first time in many years. A number of suit-journeers failed to close upon the second.

Reports from various points in the state show a temperature ranging from 2 below near this city to 23 below in Clinton county.

It was the coldest day in Central New Jersey for years, the thermometer falling to 20 below.

The Delaware river is frozen solid between Lambertville, N. J. and New Hope, Pa.

From Pennsylvania come reports of continued cold. Passenger trains of the Downing & Lancaster railroad stuck in a drift of snow for several hours, and passengers suffered severely.

The extreme cold weather is having a serious effect in the vicinity of Hazelton.

At Philadelphia, as far as the eye can see, both up and down the Delaware river in front of the city, the river is packed with ice, and navigation, so far as sea-going coastwise vessels is concerned, is at a standstill.

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At Winston, N. C., the thermometer registered zero today, being the coldest in fifteen years.

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THE SENATE.
SACRAMENTO, January 9.—The

L. H. Maxwell has returned to Oxford university to resume his studies.

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